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1) My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only my name is listed below, or that I am an original, first, and joint inventor if additional names are listed below, of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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- [ ] attached hereto;
- [X] was filed on 9/21/2003 and assigned U.S. Application Scrial No.: 10/077,160
- 2) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the entire contents of specification, including the claims, as-amended by any amendment specifically referred to above, of the above-identified patent application.
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